

## **S.B. 49 “Optional Extended-Day Kindergarten”**

**There are couple of possible transportation scenarios that could take place:**

1. For funding under the current state funding formula, a “to” or “from” school route must have at least ten students. If a midday kindergarten route existed that had twelve students and four opted to go all day, then the midday return home route would now be ineligible for funding which would leave the full funding responsibility to the school district or the responsibility for the return trip home placed with parents.
2. If there was a large midday kindergarten route that had 25 students, and twenty of them opted to go all day, then the impact would be two-fold:
  - a. First the district would loose the funding for the midday return route.
  - b. Second, if the route or routes in the area were already at capacity, the district may need to add an additional route to return the 20 students that now would need to be transported home at the end of the day. If no additional buses were available at that time during the day, the district would need to outlay the funds to purchase a new bus, as well as hire an additional driver for that time of day. Because of the complex nature of school bus routing, the exact impact would depend on the type of routing structure, and load capacity of bus routes in a certain district.